

CITIZENS' MASS MEETING.

Question of Offering Inducements to the Columbia Female College to Move to Sumter Discussed Friday Afternoon—Committee Appointed.

A goodly number of citizen's met in the Opera House Friday afternoon at 6.15 o'clock under call of City Council to consider the matter of offering inducements to the Columbia Female College to move to this city.

Mayor Stuckey called the meeting to order and stated its object. He spoke earnestly of the advantages that would accrue to Sumter from the establishment of such an institution here, and expressed the hope that a strong and united effort would be made to secure it.

The meeting was organized by the election of Mayor Stuckey as Chairman and John M. Knight, Secretary. Rev. J. W. Kilgo, Secretary of Education for the South Carolina Conference, was asked to address the meeting and made a strong, and forcible speech. He stated that the Columbia Female College was not compelled to leave Columbia on account of any lack of patronage; that the college now is full to overflowing. More room is imperatively needed, and the college must be enlarged in Columbia or move elsewhere. All the ground owned in that city is fully occupied, and much more could be used to advantage. Mr. Kilgo said he could pass over the monetary advantage to the city of having the college established here, though that was a very important consideration, and one not to be despised. The higher consideration of the influence of such an institution in the community, the high class of citizens it would bring here, a large number of whom would move here for the purpose of educating their daughters, was emphasized.

The college is not going begging by any means. It is not asking any place to take it. However, Aiken and Bamberg are all bidding for it and offering inducements to the Trustees to locate with them. But, Mr. Kilgo insisted by every consideration, the college should come to Sumter. Sumter's health is excellent, her water has almost a national reputation for its purity, the city is growing and progressive—not a mushroom growth, but a solid, steady and substantial one—it has no superior in the State as a railroad center, and all these advantages make it a most desirable location for a college. Besides nearly all the colleges of South Carolina are located in the northern and northwestern part of the State, and Sumter would be an ideal place for the patronage of the belt of counties in the southern and eastern sections.

Mr. Kilgo said that the property of the college in Columbia was worth from \$65,000 to \$75,000, and this meant the establishment of a plant here worth at least that much.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell asked Mr. Kilgo what would be expected of Sumter in the way of inducements. Mr. Kilgo answered, giving the offers of other towns, and suggested that a committee be appointed to wait on the Board of Trustees at its coming meeting on June 2nd and let them know that Sumter will make effort to secure the college.

Hon. Rich'd. I. Manning endorsed the suggestion of Mr. Kilgo, and thought we should do everything possible to bring the college to Sumter.

Hon. Altamont Moses thought it well to appoint the committee, and moved that it consist of the Mayor and six other citizens, these gentlemen to meet the trustees in Columbia.

Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr., spoke as to the duties of the committee and thought it would be well for them to look out for a site, etc., and see what inducements could be offered the Trustees. He suggested that they appoint a sub-committee of three to go to Columbia.

Maj. H. Frank Wilson thought the whole committee should go, and that it should be a live, earnest and working body.

Gen. E. W. Moise was called for, and made a capital speech. He said it would be a very fine thing for Sumter to get that college or any other college. The presence of such an institution would be elevating to the city. It would tone up the moral sense of the community and set high standards of character and conduct among our young people. Whether it is practicable or not to secure it is another question. We owe it to ourselves and to the community in which we live to use every effort in our power to get it here. Gen. Moise spoke warmly and his remarks were generously applauded.

Mr. Moses's motion was adopted and Mayor Stuckey announced that he would appoint the committee at his leisure.

The meeting then adjourned.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Mayor Stuckey announced his appointments of the committee to meet the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Female College on June 2nd. In making up the committee the Mayor said that he had taken the liberty to increase it by the addition of two members.

The following is the committee, the Mayor being Chairman, he having been elected by the mass meeting:

A. B. Stuckey, W. M. Graham, Rev. J. W. Kilgo, Jno. M. Knight, Rich'd. I. Manning, E. W. Moise, Neill O'Donnell, H. F. Wilson.

The Mayor requests that any of the above appointees who are unable to serve will notify him that he may make other appointments. It is highly necessary that every member of the committee should be in Columbia on the date set.

Houston, Tex., May 19.—The latest reports from Galveston state that 98 persons were killed and 103 injured by the tornado which passed over that city yesterday afternoon. The property loss in the city and surrounding country will probably reach \$200,000. The storm swept the city from end to end and demolished 150 stores and residences, many of which cannot be repaired.

Fine stands of cotton, the best for several years, are reported in all parts of the county. Corn is also fine for the season and the crop outlook as a whole is said to be unusually good.

WHY THE LAUNDRY WAS CLOSED.

A Statement of Facts by Health Officer, Explaining Attitude of City Authorities.

Editor Item: The general impression that the Board of Health and City Council ordered the Model Steam Laundry closed down is erroneous. On the contrary, both of those bodies have been and are still doing everything possible to devise some scheme to assist Mr. Charles O'Brien, the proprietor, to dispose of the waste water, and he has not been interfered with or requested or ordered to close his laundry. Mr. O'Brien, on the other hand, has done nothing to solve the problem of disposing of the waste water, because, as he said, "that it would not pay him to lay a line of pipe to any of the city ditches so far away because the patronage received from the city of Sumter did not warrant such an expense and that he received nearly all of his business from other places." He also said, and I think from experience he is correct, "that digging another 'dry well' would 'do no good,' and that 'he would shut down before he would spend a cent or do anything.'"

By order of Board of Health I wrote to other places, requesting information as to disposal of the waste water from steam laundries, but the information received did not solve the problem here, because Sumter has no sewerage system and because the Sumter Steam Laundry was placed in the worst possible place because of there being no city drains or ditches near to carry off the water, even if this was not prohibited by ordinances.

Mr. O'Brien was fully aware of the difficulties existing and complaints made before he purchased the steam laundry, because I served notice on him as Manager for Sumter Hotel, to abate the nuisance. He could have continued to run his laundry unmolested until such time as City Council decided what to do. As a matter of fact, it was not the business of city authorities to show Mr. O'Brien how to abate this nuisance, but his business to do so. However, being actuated by a desire to help him and to keep an important enterprise from leaving Sumter, the municipal authorities interested themselves to the extent mentioned above and in the meantime did not worry him except to have a committee of physicians investigate the alleged nuisance.

Dr. C. W. Birnie, who has a house next to the laundry, appeared before the Board of Health to complain, and other citizens, white and colored, in that section complain daily of the offensive odors from the stagnated, filthy water. I warned Messrs. Barr & King, the first proprietors, before they had their building half constructed that they would have the trouble now experienced, and that they were building in the worst possible place in Sumter.

I make this statement in justice to City Council and Board of Health because I know that parties not at all interested are creating the impression that Council and Board of Health and Health Officer have unnecessarily and unwisely worried Mr. O'Brien until he decided to close down the laundry, whereas he has been treated with all kindness and patience and assisted all that was possible.

E. I. Reardon,
Secretary and Health Officer.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

The Prize Money Raised—Date Fixed For June 24-25—Big Prizes Offered.

The mass meeting in the Court House last evening was not largely attended, but there were present a majority of the firemen and quite a number of citizens, who are thoroughly interested in the Firemen's Tournament.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell, Chairman, called the meeting to order and asked the committee appointed to collect funds for the tournament if they were ready to report.

Mr. Altamont Moses, Chairman of the committee, reported that \$800 had been subscribed, and of this \$705 had been collected, largely through the indefatigable efforts of Messrs. W. B. Boyle and Edgar Skinner, who had done the greater part of the work for the committee. He stated also that at least \$800, the minimum amount, said by the firemen to be necessary to insure the success of the tournament, would be collected, and that the money being in sight the arrangements for the tournament could be proceeded with immediately.

Mr. Moses suggested that the Chairman appoint a committee of five young men to solicit contributions supplemental to the amount already raised by the original committee. The committee had solicited contributions principally from the business and professional men, and there were many men whom the committee did not see that he was certain would wish to contribute something toward the tournament. The committee suggested could send these persons and obtain quite a large sum to supplement the amount now on hand. The suggestion was adopted and the Chairman will appoint the committee suggested by the firemen.

A motion was made and carried that the necessary committees to make all the arrangements for the tournament be appointed by the Chairman, on the suggestion of the firemen.

Foreman W. S. Graham, of Delgar Reel Squad, stated for the firemen that after consultation it had been decided that June 24th and 25th would be the most suitable time for the tournament, and these dates were thereupon agreed to.

The firemen have discussed a programme and the main features have already been decided upon, but until the committee have been appointed and organized the official programme will not be made public.

The prize list will be an attractive one, the purses being larger than heretofore offered in similar contests, and teams from every town of any size in the State should be present and take part in the tournament.

Hollywood Camp, W. of W., will have a picnic and barbecue on July 4th and at the last meeting of the Camp a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the outing. The committee will endeavor to make the Woodmen's Fourth the greatest celebration of the kind ever held in Sumter county.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

City Council held a regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock with the following members present. Mayor A. B. Stuckey, Aldermen W. B. Boyle, D. J. Chandler, G. F. Epperson, W. H. Epperson, P. P. Finn, E. W. Hurst and J. A. Schwerin. Minutes of April 24th were read and approved.

Mr. H. L. Scarborough, Supt. Sumter Water Co., appeared and informed Council that his company had granted their request of March 12th, to extend the water main in South Washington Street one thousand feet, on condition that Council take one additional fire hydrant, and with the understanding that this concession shall not be construed as a modification of the existing contract. At a later stage of the meeting the Clerk was directed to ask Mr. Scarborough to postpone arrangements or his extension until further consideration be given the matter.

The Committee of Public Works advised leasing the Opera House to the highest bidder and the Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids, Council reserving the right to reject any or all bids that may be submitted. They reported that arrangements are being made with property owners for laying new brick sidewalks on Liberty Street between Main and Sumter. The Mayor suggested that artificial stone pavements should be laid instead of brick, as they are much more durable, and but little more expensive. On motion of Mr. G. F. Epperson, Council decided to send the Supt. of Streets to Columbia to learn the process of making such pavements.

Health Officer E. I. Reardon came in and announced that the Board of Health was in session and desired to consult Council in regard to a laundry in Sumter Street, reported as a nuisance. The board was invited to immediate conference and the regular order of business was suspended. Drs. S. C. Baker and J. C. Spann and Mr. W. M. Graham came in. Dr. Baker, President of the Board, stated that the proprietor of the laundry in question had been running waste water into a dry well which is constantly overflowing; and that pools of water are about the premises, from which there is an unpleasant odor, and which is somewhat of a menace to the health of the neighborhood. The Board advised that Council should require the proprietor to lay a drain pipe to convey waste to some large open ditch by which it can be carried out of the city. This appearing to be the only possible solution of the difficulty under existing circumstances referred to the Committee of Public Works to consider and report.

Mr. Geo. F. Epperson suggested that as a necessary precaution for the summer months, the city should provide disinfectants to people unable to buy them, and require their use. The suggestion was adopted.

Mr. Schwerin called attention to the unsanitary and offensive condition of open lots in business part of the city, and on his motion the Health Officer was requested to post them, and abate nuisances which are so common.

Dr. Archie China was reelected city physician for the present municipal term.

Mr. Finn called attention to facts recently published concerning the removal of Columbia Female College and expressed the opinion that the citizens of Sumter should make strong and united effort to bring it to our city. He thought this a highly important matter, and on his motion Council decided to call a meeting of citizens at the Opera House on evening of 16th inst., to discuss the question and come to some decision as to the inducements to be offered.

Mr. Schwerin asked reconsideration of the action of Council of the last meeting in refusing to pay for repairing policemen's bicycles. The question was discussed and on Mr. Boyle's motion referred to the Police Committee for advice.

A letter was read from Mr. O. E. Boeckst protesting against being required to pay license for the privilege of selling fruit from cars; and asking that the three dollars collected from him by the City Clerk for such license be refunded. The request was refused, as the tax is a proper one under the License Ordinance.

Communications were received from E. I. Reardon, Secretary Board of Health, inviting city officials to attend a Sanitary Conference under auspices of the State Board of Health on 27th and 28th inst. in Charleston, S. C. The Mayor and Health Officer were elected to represent Sumter at this conference.

On motion of Mr. Finn the Clerk was directed to refund nine dollars to Mr. Edgar Skinner, which was paid by him to an attorney for prosecuting a case in the Mayor's court which prosecution resulted in conviction and payment of a fine of fifty dollars. Messrs. Hurst, Schwerin and Chandler were opposed to the claim, on the ground that it establishes a bad precedent.

A letter from Health Officer Reardon advised that the sand traps at corner of Main and Liberty Streets be filled up, and that the city unite with the county in cleaning out Socks Branch. Referred to Committee of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. Finn the Clerk was directed to correspond with the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., relative to prices and terms for the installation of their system in Sumter.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer for April, and several claims against the city, were referred to the Finance Committee.

Council then adjourned to meet again on evening of 21st inst.

A Boy Lost.

George Lewis, a little negro boy about ten years old strayed from the home of his mother, Dolly Lewis, on Council Street, Sunday the 11th, and although every effort has been made to find him no trace of his whereabouts has been discovered. The boy had been in the habit of spending a good deal of the time at a neighbor's and when he did not return home Sunday evening his mother was not uneasy, thinking he was spending the night at the neighbor's house. On Monday she made inquiry and learned that the boy had not been seen since Sunday, and she immediately began hunting for him. No one has been found who knows anything about the boy and he seems to have disappeared as completely as if the ground had swallowed him.

THE NEWS OF WEDGEFIELD.

Closing Exercises of School—A Successful Session.

Wedgefield, May 19.—Brief exercises in the Auditorium this forenoon marked the close of the 1901 and 1902 session of the Wedgefield High School.

The scholarships medals in Prof. W. P. Weyer's room were won by Misses Bessie Aycock and Nan Mellett. The former was delivered with appropriate remarks by Rev. L. J. Bristow and the latter by Prof. Weyer.

The prize for penmanship and orthography was won by Miss Aretas Bradford; the one for attendance and deportment by Mr. Harry Mellett.

In the primary department the scholarship medal offered by Miss Evie Wilson was won by Manlius Aycock. His record for the session was exceptional, for he was not absent or late and did not miss a recitation during the entire session.

Prof. Weyer leaves for Charleston tomorrow, to spend a day or two at the Exposition before returning to his home in Warrenton, Va. As has been previously announced, the regular exercises were dispensed with, on account of the death of Mr. Soule Mellett.

Miss Willa McMichael, of Woodruff, S. C., is visiting friends in town.

Hagood News Items.

Hagood, May 18.—Oats and all small grain are well in the head, some slightly turning ripe. Cotton is up and the stand is fine. Corn is growing off well, and all look promising.

There was a joint day and Sabbath school picnic given in the grove of Mr. Wm. Mellette on last Saturday that was well attended and well enjoyed. Speeches were made by Prof. Langtry, Rev. W. C. Smith and H. C. Betha.

The health of the community is fair, if we except Mrs. J. L. Jackson, who continues feeble.

Railroad Connections for Davidson College Commencement, May 25-28.

On May 25th a new passenger train will be put on between Davidson and Charlotte, making close connection with the morning train on the S. A. L. from Eastern Carolina, as well as with all morning passenger trains reaching Charlotte via the Southern from Columbia, Atlanta, and Salisbury. This train leaves Charlotte for Davidson at 11:30 a. m., and returning reaches Charlotte at 5:05 p. m., making connection with the Seaboard evening train for the east. Beginning with May 25th, this will give three regular passenger trains daily each way between Charlotte and Davidson, besides the mixed train leaving Charlotte at 3 p. m.

From Asheville close connections are made both morning and evening at Statesville, whether coming from Davidson or returning, and from Winston the afternoon train coming to Davidson and the morning train leaving Davidson carry passengers through without delay.

Thus from all directions, on both railroad systems, railroad connections towards and from Davidson College are all that could be desired, and this, with Senator Money's address on the 27th, will doubtless lead to a far larger attendance at Commencement than usual.

Golden Hair and the Three Bears.

This charming opera as rendered by pupils of the Sumter School of Music at the Opera House last Thursday night was a decided success.

The chorus work by the little girls was excellent and reflects much credit upon their instructors. Their gracefulness and self possession was remarkable, particularly as so many of them are little tots from four to eight years old. The costumes were beautiful and appropriate.

Miss Mary Ewell, of Norfolk, Va., was the Queen. She is a professional singer, and the audience was delighted with her superb soprano. Miss Bessie Ingram, who has a sweet voice, sang a solo, and received an encore.

Miss Marie DeLorme as Golden Hair acted well her part, and captured the crowd.

Mr. Thomas Walsh in the character of the ancient bard, was decidedly good. The Three Bears were favorites from their first appearance on the stage until they made the final exit.

It will be hard for Messrs. Wilder and Folsom to persuade their friends that there were no bears in their families many generations since. Alfred DeLorme was an amusing little cub.

The only drawback to the whole performance was the long waits between acts, but that was unavoidable.

Changing scenery and stage settings, and arranging thirty or forty children for their positions and parts takes time. Considering all things, the evening was a delightful one, and we have heard nothing but praise from those who attended.

Lee County Candidates.

The following candidates' cards are published in the Lee County Leader: For Treasurer: G. F. Parrott, C. B. Rhodes, H. E. Mooneyham. W. H. Crosswell, For Supervisor: J. O. Durant, Jno. J. Shaw, J. F. Matthews, J. P. Kilgore. For the Legislature: B. Frank Kelley, C. J. Rollins, Le-vander Elmore. For Coroner: L. H. Stuckey, W. E. Nothcutt, J. L. Watson. For Sheriff: J. M. Smith, T. S. Stuckey, N. Bramlett. For Auditor: C. W. Woodham, A. B. DuBose. For Probate Judge: H. D. Corbett. For the Senate: Thos. G. McLeod, W. A. James. For Clerk of Court: L. A. Moore, W. R. Shaw, W. P. Baskin. For County Supt. Education: McDonald Davis, R. W. McCutchen.

"Guv," the philosopher of Wee Wee, Lee county, who stepped over in the city last week on a pilgrimage to the Exposition, furnished the first plausible explanation of the overwhelming vote in favor of Lee county polled in the recent election. He says that as the campaign draws near it is leaking out that a very large majority of the male inhabitants of the Lee county territory are already avowed candidates for office or have aspirations. The crop of candidates is luxuriant already, and those who are hesitating over entering the lists this year hope to get office before long.

TO BUILD COAL PIERS

AT WILMINGTON, N. C.

Contract Let at Price of Nearly Million and a Half Dollars.

The movement of Southern coal to the seaboard, with the increasing demand for it in commerce, direct and indirect, which has become of such importance to Baltimore, Newport News, Norfolk, Pensacola, Mobile and New Orleans, will be accelerated by the completion of a couple of projects reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record. For quite a while the water facilities at Southport, N. C., have been considered in connection with plans for handling foreign bound Southern products, especially coal. The contract has been awarded by the Cape Fear Terminal Railroad Company to the Southport Construction Company, of Wilmington, Del., for the construction of a railroad thirty miles long between Wilmington and Southport, with large coal and freight piers at the latter place, the contract price being \$1,450,000. The awarding of this contract and at the same time of a contract for the construction of forty miles of the projected Rutherfordton, Hickory Nut Gap and Asheville Railroad, running west from Rutherfordton, N. C., toward the Tennessee line indicate the tendency to open the mineral regions of the Southern Appalachians by additional railroads and to increase the facilities at Southern ports for handling traffic to come out of the mountainous section.

THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

The Defendants are in Special Quarters in Quebec Jail.

Quebec, May 20.—Col. Gaynor and Capt. Greene are prisoners in Quebec jail. They were committed to his prison this afternoon, where Sheriff Langlier had prepared special quarters for them. Mr. Taschereau, counsel for Messrs. Gaynor and Greene, notified the court today that in a few days he will move for a writ of certiorari for the transmission of the record of the arrest of his clients from Montreal to Quebec.

The next step to be taken by the attorneys representing the United States has not been disclosed, but it is said they are not disconcerted by the present situation. They are confident that ultimately extradition proceedings will be successful and that Greene and Gaynor will be forced to return to Savannah and stand trial on the charge of defrauding the United States government in connection with harbor contracts.

The prisoners were at first returned to the Chateau Frontenac. Later, after a consultation between the sheriff, police magistrate and attorneys for the prisoners, it was decided that the prisoners would have to go to jail, and at 5 o'clock Col. Gaynor and Capt. Greene, accompanied by a guard of detectives were removed to their quarters in the prison. This move was deemed necessary to protect the prisoners against any further attempt to get them away from Quebec.

It is the intention of Mr. Taschereau to move that the proceedings before Magistrate Lafontaine of Montreal be quashed, and that evidence in the extradition proceedings be heard here.

MONT PEELE IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

Terrifying Inhabitants of Fort de France Who Flee to Ships in Harbor.

Fort du France, May 20.—This morning at 5:30 a thick, heavy cloud, lit up by flashes of lightning and the rising sun, rose from Mont Pelee. The people of Fort du France at once became panic-stricken and in scant attire rushed excitedly through the streets of the town. Stones from the volcano as big as hazelnuts fell in the streets. Many of the inhabitants hurriedly embarked on the vessels in the harbor and it was with much difficulty that they were eventually reassured. At 1 o'clock, however, the excitement was over and the people became calm.

The phenomenon of this morning was similar to the eruption of May 8, but not so severe.

Gastries, Island of St. Lucia, May 20.—2.30 p. m.—It is reported here that a volcanic eruption occurred back of Fort du France, Martinique, at 5 o'clock this morning and that the residents were then trying to escape to the shipping and the men-of-war in the vicinity.

New Orleans, La., May 19.—A special committee, appointed by the recent negro mass meeting to suggest some plan by which the excessive death rate of the negro population of New Orleans, which is twice the normal, might be rescued, has presented its report. It recommends special sermons on health and the care of the body, from time to time, in all the churches of the city, and lessons on hygiene in all the colored schools.

PECULIARITIES OF SOUND.

The Kind of Note Best Suited For Long Range Signals.

Signals made by sounds of explosion are not the most reliable. Their penetration is obviously often uncertain, while, their duration being brief, they may be missed by momentary inattention. The reed horn was the more efficient instrument as compared with guncock cartridges over London. The siren would probably have been yet more efficient as also doubtless a horn capable of producing two notes differing, say, by the interval of a third or a fifth, a conclusion arrived at many years ago by experiments which have been unhappily too much lost sight of. Professor Piazzi Smith found by trial that a high note was generally more penetrating as a signal, but advised that such a note should not be used alone, assigning as one reason that individuals possess note deafness similar to color blindness, so that no one note could be trusted. Experiments went to prove that a sound varying between a high and a low note best arrested attention at long range.

And the same result has been arrived at in another way. The peculiar cry of the Alpine guide, which is, in fact, of that nature which Professor Smith advocates, has doubtless been taught by the exigencies of his situation, where his voice is required to carry across broad and deep ravines. Nature has taught the same lesson in the Australian wilds, where the characteristic "Cowl, cowl!" appears essential to penetrate the deep woods.

Nor indeed need we look farther for an example of the same kind than our own village lanes. The high pitched voices of children are very far-reaching. Their shouting can be heard farther away in the sky than that of man, and in calling to their fellows they always employ a trick of the voice taught doubtless by experience. The child will summon her playmate from far away with a well practiced "Sally," the first syllable, high pitched and prolonged, giving place to the second syllable uttered abruptly in a yet higher note. And this mode of calling is universal.—Nineteenth Century.

Vegetable Caterpillar.

Among the many strange growths, apparently freaks of nature, which are to be found in New Zealand the vegetable caterpillar readily ranks among the foremost. This caterpillar is several inches in length, is hairless and does not differ essentially in appearance from some of the caterpillars of our own land.

Its claim to distinction lies in the fact that when it gets ready to die it digs a hole for itself in the earth and completely buries itself. Later a slender green shoot springs from the spot. This bears two or more leaves near its top.

Upon investigation it is found that the green shoot springs from the head of the dead caterpillar, and further investigation develops the fact that the body of the caterpillar is filled with roots.

The form is retained without change, and the roots do not pierce through the skin or enter the ground. When dug up, this dead yet living freak presents a most odd appearance, for the head and even the eyes of the caterpillar are distinctly seen, yet from the head is growing the green sprout, with its leaves.

Hard to Tell Chinaman's Age.

How old is a Chinaman? Can you give a good guess? It is harder to tell than the age of a negro. The Chinaman has no beard, and his hair is of a jet and glossy blackness, which turns gray only at an extreme age, when a Caucasian head would be either snow white or bald. Then again the Chinese have the most perfect nervous system of any people in the world and do not wrinkle up with age. They can stand any amount of opium smoking without material injury that would send a white man to his grave or an insane asylum. So you have little to go by. A Chinaman will look thirty when he is twenty and when he is fifty. If you ask him his age, he will place it at least ten years ahead, for he holds old age to be honorable, and among his people he will be respected and looked up to by all his juniors.—Washington Post.

Heartburn.

The burning in the throat called popularly "heartburn" shows that acid fermentation is taking place. A good palliative is bicarbonate of soda. Of this one teaspoonful may be taken in a tumblerful of water. Repeat if the burning does not pass away. But blessed are they who can vomit, for this is the only scientific and natural means of cure. Indigestion always means that chemical changes have occurred by which products have been formed hurtful to the system. Vomiting may be assisted by copious drafts of warm water, and these will wash out the stomach. A remedy that merely relieves pain does not effect this.

A Great Pity.

The Scotch are great users of snuff. It was a Scotchman who once asked a big nosed stranger if he took snuff and, receiving a negative reply, remarked: "What a pity. You have such a grand accommodation."

Its Recommendation.

Customer—Are you sure this is a good cookbook?
Salesman—Yes, indeed. They're talking of dramatizing it.—Judge.

The almighty dollar covers a multitude of queer transactions.

Balloons and tramps have no visible means of support.

First Business Lesson.

"What is the first thing a young business man should learn?" was asked of the successful one.

"That mailing bills is not collecting money," was the prompt reply.—Indianapolis News.